

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council

From: Matt Hart, Town Manager

Date: August 14, 2018 **CC:** P. Privitera; V. Riddick

Subject: Resolution (Hart) to Carry Forward and Appropriate Funds awarded to the Town of West Hartford under the Federal Highway Safety Program for the Purpose of

Comprehensive DUI Enforcement. (195)

<u>Background</u>: The Town applied for and was awarded grant funds to conduct a Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program. The Town has received these grants in years past and continues to utilize them as received. The Council appropriated funding in FY 2018, but a balance of \$39,388 remains and is eligible for use in FY 2019. Staff is seeking Council approval to carry the balance forward to the new fiscal year.

<u>Operational Impact</u>: Through increased high-visibility enforcement activities, the Police Department would seek to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving. The Department would also educate the public regarding the increased level of DUI enforcement in order to inform drivers of the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence.

<u>Financial Impact</u>: Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2019 budget of the General Fund. Unused grant funds totaling \$39,388 as of June 30, 2018 would be carried forward to FY 2019. Estimated intergovernmental revenue would increase \$39,388 with a corresponding appropriation for overtime in the Police department to conduct DUI enforcement activities.

<u>Legal Review</u>: Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The grant period is October 5, 2017 through September 8, 2018.

<u>Recommendation</u>: In order to carry the program fund balance forward for use in fiscal year 2019, staff recommends Council approval of the attached resolution.

<u>Attachments</u>: See attached resolution.

RESOLUTION TO CARRY FORWARD AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS AWARDED TO THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD UNDER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded Federal Funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program (Federal Program Area 2018-154AL, State Project 0198-0722-DR) in the amount of \$120,000 to provide comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement program activities from October 5, 2017 through September 8, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this program are to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility enforcement activities and to communicate to the public, through media venues, the increased level of DUI enforcement so that drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and, therefore, deter that behavior, and

WHEREAS, these funds were appropriated in the fiscal year 2017-2018 General Fund budget but were not fully expended, and

WHEREAS, per the terms of the grant award these funds can be carried forward to fiscal year 2018-2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize such carry forward funds for extra DUI patrol activities, in accordance with both Federal and State regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD THAT unexpended grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program are appropriated for the purpose of expanded DUI enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund budget is amended as follows:

<u>Increase Estimated Revenue</u>

01-220410-20101-9070 Federal Grant Revenue \$39,388

Increase Appropriations

01-220410-20101-1010 Overtime \$39,388

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